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Tree Street Youth Outdoor Impact

Acadia National Park

Tree Street Youth Outdoor Impact brings at-risk urban youth from downtown Lewiston, Maine into the outdoors. High school youth who are interested in exploring environmental careers spend three days in Acadia National Park participating in activities that teach them about nature and environmental careers. A high school leadership program challenges participants in team-building exercises, outdoor recreation and camping on the Appalachian Trail. Middle school/high school boys who have had contact or risk contact with the Juvenile Corrections system meet throughout the year, preparing to summit Mt. Katahdin in an overnight camping trip. In addition to the three major trips, Tree Street Youth plans smaller outings to ensure that participants have exposure to travelling, hiking and the outdoors before embarking on overnight trips to more distant locations.

Park: Acadia National Park/Appalachian National Scenic Trail



CALO Neighborhood Ecology Program

Cape Lookout National Seashore

CALO Neighborhood Ecology Program is addressing the ecological health of poor communities and the lack of young African-Americans engaged in National Parks and environmental activities and careers. This program uses interactive experiences to engage underrepresented youth in meaningful activities. Each year, participants explore their neighborhood environment, open-space conservation, community health, community building, civic stewardship and public policy in afternoon/weekend sessions. The also program immerses participants in events at the regional, state and National Park level, providing the missing link that has prevented environmental justice advocates and conservationists in finding common ground. Unlike programs that solely address neighborhood issues or only address remote conservation, these kids come to know that these are not unrelated endeavors – both are in continuum with the other. The kids tackle the harms of environmental injustices in their areas and take action to make their neighborhoods healthier and safer.

Park: Cape Lookout National Seashore

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CU Maurice River and WheatonArts Interpretive Nature and Arts Trail

Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River, Inc.

Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and Its Tributaries, in partnership with Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, is forging an interpretive nature and arts trail in an urban area, in the most densely populated state in the nation – New Jersey. This interpretive trail will foster watershed stewardship with a diverse audience. It will also promote conservation and recreation by educating the public about their watershed and engaging the community with the outdoors. Not only will this project promote the establishment of a new partnership between the National Park Service and WheatonArts, it will also highlight the interconnectivity between the local artistic tradition and environmental preservation efforts.

Park: Maurice National Scenic and Recreational River



New Curriculum-Based 4th Grade Educational Program for Colonial National Historical Park

Colonial National Historical Park

In a newly created partnership with Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools, Colonial National Historical Park is working with local teachers to develop and implement a new 4th grade program. The multi-disciplinary curriculum engages students through active outdoor participation. Students and teachers, led by professional kayakers and educators from Chesapeake Experience, kayak a local waterway adjoining Jamestown Island and conduct hands-on activities. Then, a teacher and park ranger give a tour of the Jamestown colony historic site where students investigate the park's flora and fauna, learning about their historic use and importance. Once established, this 4th grade program will be offered each school year, with a long-term goal to expand the project to encompass more grade levels.

Park: Colonial National Historical Park

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Pedal and Paddle through Rome's History

Fort Stanwix National Monument

In collaboration with local non-profit, municipal and academic partners, Fort Stanwix National Monument is implementing a bike-sharing program that incorporates multiple-area land and water trails and combines recreation with cultural and natural resource interpretation. Youth serving organizations and the general public participate in guided biking and paddling expeditions to learn about history associated with Fort Stanwix while engaging in activities that contribute to healthy living.

Park: Fort Stanwix National Monument/Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor



Engaging Urban Youth to Connect the Historic Glass Street Community to the Sherman Reservation

Glass House Collective

Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park, the adjacent undeveloped public land and the urban, vulnerable Glass Street neighborhood need to work in concert to be a stronger attractant for youth. By commissioning Southeast Conservation Corp youth work crews, we are constructing a new trail network. The resulting new outdoor facility will provide much-needed easy access to the Sherman Reservation National Park and a space for youth to enjoy the natural environment. The improved facilities will also increase Sherman Reservation's visitation during the National Park Service's Centennial Celebration, allowing young people to "Find Your Park" in Sherman Reservation.

Park: Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park



"Time Trekker" Beacon Tour & App at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

As the National Park Service looks to better engage youth, especially through the use of cutting-edge technologies, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is developing an app-based tour of the historic Lower Town for students and families. By utilizing personal mobile devices, users can read primary sources and view first-person interpretations by living historians at numerous locations throughout the park. Known as "Time Trekker," the content produced will be easily disseminated to users through beacon signals that communicate with a smart phone app. In response to the "Every Kid in a Park" initiative, as well as the education goals set forth in "A Call to Action," the "Time Trekker" app and tour will combine technology and digital-learning with meaningful educational programming for elementary school-aged children, leading to their better engagement

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with Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and the National Park Service as a whole.

Park: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



Caonoemobile in Calumet Region

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is surrounded by 17 cities, many of them facing economic challenges and violence. The Canomobile program gives students and parents on community waters adjacent to or near the park a new perspective on their own backyard. Program participants board six 24-foot Voyageur canoes with trained staff to explore local waters. Meanwhile, partnering organizations provide land-based education on basic water safety, watershed education, water quality assessment and the history of the Voyageur fur traders.

Park: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore



Jordan River Parkway Urban Water Rangers and Youth Environmental Education Program

Jordan River Commission

This is a youth-focused Urban Ranger Program where rangers patrol on canoes and bikes to educate users and highlight public land opportunities. Rangers also provide information about other nearby National Park units. The program trains the multi-lingual rangers to conduct in-class activities and facilitate “Healthy Hikes on the Jordan” to target underserved children and their families. The program will provide opportunities for at least 550 youth to Play, Learn, Serve and Work on public lands.

Park: Timpanogos Cave National Monument

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Encuentra Tu Parque - Connecting Las Vegas Hispanic Youth to the Outdoors

Lake Mead National Recreation Area

This project will allow Lake Mead National Recreation Area to communicate interpretive messages to the Las Vegas community, specifically the area's 107,000 Hispanic youth to help them "Find Their Park" ("Encuentra Tu Parque").

Through this program, youth will learn about nearby parks, why they exist and how youth can be a part of the National Park experience. Additionally, the project will include in-school and in-park activities to directly promote the Play, Learn, Serve and Work concept to more than 1,000 Hispanic youth.

Park: Lake Mead National Recreation Area/Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument



Hike a Hundred Youth Outreach Project

North Country Trail Association

While the National Park Service is celebrating its centennial year, the North Country Trail Association is encouraging thousands of young trail users to hike 100 miles on the North Country Trail. This initiative, the "Hike a Hundred Youth Outreach Project," focuses on reaching out to the hundreds of Boy Scout and Girl Scout units within a three-hour drive of the trail. Scouts are encouraged to discover and hike the trail and then celebrate their progress toward on a wide array of social network platforms.

Park: North Country National Scenic Trail



ACT: Anza Community Theater

Santa Fe Ranch Foundation

The Anza Youth Ambassadors, a program of the Santa Fe Ranch Foundation, is working with youth to construct an outdoor theater on the upper bench of the 9-acre wetlands known as Las Lagunas de Anza (Anza Campsite 13). Youth participants come from organizations including the Santa

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Cruz Training Program, Young Audiences of Santa Cruz County and local Boy and Girl Scout troops. The theater will serve as a community resource that will attract local students, youth groups and the public into the outdoors through community events highlighting topics of nature, culture and history through art, drama and music. The outdoor theater will enhance the experience of Las Lagunas, a site that has hosted Anza plays, heritage and cultural music events, nature interpretation and International Bird Days and National Wetland Festivals.

Park: Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail



Kids on Kayak's - Exploring Baltimore's River of History

Spangled Banner National Historic Trail

The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, with its partners, is providing 1,000 kayak experiences for youth and their teachers on the Patapsco River in Baltimore City. Students learn how Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the National Anthem and how the natural environment changed in the 201 years since 1814. The project blends natural and cultural history that will ultimately foster an appreciation for the outdoors and stewardship for our shared environment.

Park: Spangled Banner National Historic Trail



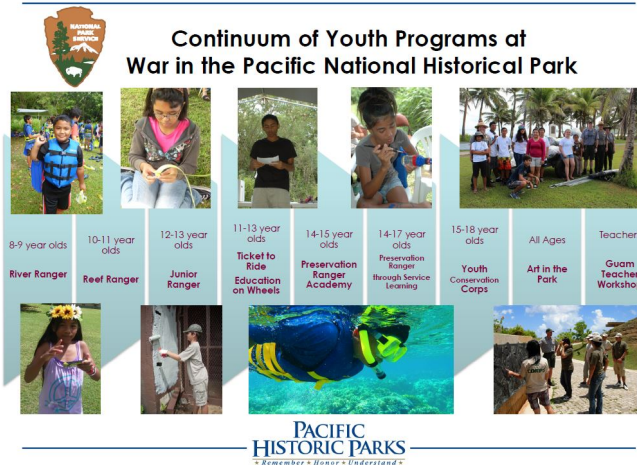
Youth Ambassadors for the Next Century of National Park Service

Tumacacori National Historic Park

In Tucson, Arizona, more than 40% of the city's population is of Hispanic heritage, and the population of refugee and immigrant residents is growing. Youth Ambassadors for the Next Century of the National Park Service increases the diversity and number of youth participants who engage in National Park Service public lands, programs and partnerships. The program teaches youth about species inventory and monitoring through educational interpretive presentations, and it trains youth to be public lands ambassadors for the Centennial Celebration and beyond. Tucson's urban youth increases diversity in the National Parks and connects more people with public lands, while cultivating the next generation of National Park visitors, supporters and advocates.

Park: Tumacacori National Historic Park/Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail/Saguaro National Park

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2016 Centennial Challenge: Connect with 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts

War in the Pacific National Historical Park

Guam will host the 12th annual Festival of Pacific Arts for the first time. From May 22 to June 4, 2016, a total of 27 island nations from across the Pacific will come together to showcase their unique culture. An estimated 2,500 teenage and young adult delegates will participate, and for a majority of these underrepresented Pacific Island groups, the War in the Pacific National Historic Park will be the only National Park they will ever visit. This project will help the park engage this new audience in learning about the National Park idea and provide them an opportunity to visit Guam's national park.

Park: War in the Pacific National Historical Park



Wekiva Bear Brigade

Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River System

Conflicts among people and Florida black bears are increasing within the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System of central Florida as the human and bear populations grow and urban development expands in and around the black bear habitat. Many of these conflicts can be avoided through proper bear awareness education. The National Park Service is partnering with Florida Gulf Coast University's "Wings of Hope" and advisors to create the Bear Brigade Program. The program is designed for 4th graders in six different Orlando-area elementary schools. It will educate more than 800 students about the Florida black bear, the habitat needed for its survival and living in harmony with these iconic animals who call the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River home. The Bear Brigade will also educate kids on ways to conserve water and reduce pollution to protect the Wekiva.

Park: Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River System